

The following veto message was received from his Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, January 10, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I consider it my duty to return to the Senate, where it originated, that part of the "Act making appropriation for the support of the State Government for the fiscal year, commencing September 1, 1870, and ending August 31, 1871, and for deficiencies incurred in the support of the State Government for previous years," which embraces the following items :

"Miscellaneous"—"back taxes."

For clerk hire	\$18,000 00
For books, stationery, and contingent expenses..	5,000 00
For cases for book and papers....	500 00

Those items were disapproved by me when the act was presented on the fifteenth of August, 1870, and the remaining appropriations approved.

Those items were disapproved because the sums appropriated were, in my opinion, excessive, being more than double the amount that could properly be used in any one year for the purpose proposed. There was also the further objection, that no officer was designated, under whose direction the items of that appropriation could be used. This omission, to designate the officer or department when the appropriation should be disbursed, precludes the use of the appropriation, even if it were not objectionable in other respects.

Another arrangement for collecting the back taxes is recommended in my message of this session, which obviates the necessity of this proposed heavy expense for their collection.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.